

The Abandonment of the Jews, by David Wyman. A riveting, impeccably researched book that documents the utter failure of the American government to undertake any serious or meaningful efforts to rescue the Jews of Europe until the World War II was nearly over. The duplicitous role of State Department officials—who simply did not want an influx of Eastern European Jews—is set forth in infuriating detail. Wyman also describes how the U.S. Jewish community, which lacked political sophistication and clout, failed to mount any effective effort in this life-and-death struggle.

Night, by Elie Wiesel. An overpowering personal account of the unthinkable by the man I believe to be the moral conscience of our times.

Survival of Auschwitz, by Primo Levi. Levi, an Italian chemist who took his own life several years ago, provides one of the most moving and powerful accounts of the Holocaust.

Jews, God and History, by Max I. Dimont. Dimont tells the story of our people throughout history and how Jews have made major contributions to every society in which they have lived.

The Siege, by Connor Cruise O'Brien. An enlightening and effective book about Israel and the myriad of conflicts and difficulties she has confronted (and still confronts).

Exodus, by Leon Uris. For my money, no reading list such as this one is complete without this classic.

Finally, for those interested in history, justice and intrigue, I must recommend The House on Garibaldi Street, which recounts the capture of Adolf Eichmann. The kidnapping put the Mossad on the map, and the Eichmann trial helped legitimize the Israeli legal system in the eyes of the world. Written by Isser Harel, the legendary Mossad Chief who directed this daring operation, it reads like a mystery novel. It is, however, the definitive account of what really happened.

By the way, although my list is offered for Congress, you also cannot go wrong with any of these selections. At a time when there is so much lamenting about the future of our people, we must remember the past.

A TRIBUTE TO THE COL. ELMER E. ELLSWORTH VFW POST NO. 6328

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to commemorate the golden anniversary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6328. This post, I am proud to say, is based in Mechanicville, NY, in the heart of my congressional district, and is celebrating its 50th year of service. And this post personifies the outstanding efforts of the entire nationwide membership to promote a strong national defense and to help veterans and their families. And that is one reason I was so pleased to be awarded the VFW National Commander's Congressional Award several years ago.

The VFW, Mr. Speaker, has been an organization of exceptional merit and service to the needs of many veterans. It is only appropriate that those brave men and women who placed themselves in harms way overseas be represented by such an able organization. The members of Post No. 6328 have been receiving just such outstanding service for 50 years now. It is comforting to know that those who

served the needs of our country and fought for the principles and ideals of America all over the globe can depend on the support of an organization like Post No. 6328 back home in upstate New York.

Mr. Speaker, the service of the Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth Post in Mechanicville is worthy of significant recognition. This post, and others like it, are the reason I fought so hard to attain Department level status for Veterans' Affairs. When Ronald Reagan signed that legislation into law, veterans were finally afforded the degree of national consideration they deserve. The efforts of VFW posts like this one, Mr. Speaker, having served the needs of veterans since 1946, assured veterans the assistance and recognition they deserved prior to approval of this Government department and continue to encourage fair consideration of veterans' issues. And it is because of their support that several short months ago, I was able to pass an amendment to increase the dollar for veterans' hospitals by \$40 million. For all of this and much, much more, Mr. Speaker, we owe Post No. 6328 a tremendous debt of gratitude.

The famous historian George Santayana once said, "Those who do not remember history are bound to repeat it." VFW posts all across America have not forgotten the past or those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. I ask all Members in the House to rise in tribute to VFW Post No. 6328 and join me in saluting all the members, past and present, on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO COTEAU DES PRAIRIE HOSPITAL

HON. TIM JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to take this opportunity to publicly congratulate the Coteau des Prairies Hospital in Sisseton, SD on their new addition and remodeling project as they celebrate their 29th anniversary during the open house on Sunday, September 15, 1996.

I regret that I cannot personally attend this ceremony, but I want to share my hearty congratulations to all associated with the Coteau des Prairies Hospital, as well as the entire Sisseton community. All of the effort and hard work that went into making this new addition and remodeling project a reality should be commended, and everyone who has participated has reason to be proud.

I also would like to take this opportunity to commend the outstanding staff of the hospital and the Sisseton area citizens who have loyally committed themselves and their resources toward building the excellent reputation that the Coteau des Prairies Hospital so deservedly possesses today. This hospital addition and remodeling project is a clear sign of a thriving community which is continuing to provide important services for northeast South Dakota.

A strong, economically viable hospital in Sisseton is absolutely essential for providing a high quality of life for people of the area, and for promoting economic development in the community. The people of the Sisseton area

have much to be proud of today, and I am pleased to extend my best wishes and congratulations to Coteau des Prairies Hospital and its friends for continued great success.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC POLICIES ARE WORKING

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, former Senator Dole, now the Republican candidate for President, said in his radio address:

The Congressional Joint Economic Committee reports that last year 66 countries had economic growth rates that surpassed ours. The president may think that when it comes to economic growth, 67th place is good enough, but I do not. I want America to lead the world again in terms of economic growth, rising incomes, and greater job opportunities.

As a member of the Joint Economic Committee, I want Mr. Dole to know what my side of the committee thinks. In building his bridge to America's past, Mr. Dole must have overlooked the present. Just look at the good news about the economy that came out in the 2 weeks before he spoke. One week before his speech, the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis revised the second quarter growth rate of the Gross Domestic Product upward to 4.8 percent. Exports and business investment showed strong upward movement.

Tuesday, before he spoke, the Conference Board reported the index of leading economic indicators, which projects the economy's health for the next 6 to 9 months, reached a record high.

And last Friday, before the Joint Economic Committee, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 250,000 jobs were created last month. This builds, on the nearly 200,000 jobs we created in July, and on the 10.5 million in the President's first 3½ years in office.

A report in the June issue of the Monthly Labor Review, which the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes, showed that between 1993 and 1995, jobs in relatively higher-earning occupations and industries grew at almost twice the rate as jobs in comparatively lower-earning occupations and industries.

In August, the share of women with jobs reached a record high of 57.2 percent—the highest employment record for women in our Nation's history. In part, this is a result of changes in the Earned Income Tax Credit that lowered the taxes for most single mothers, and therefore made work more desirable. A Democratic-controlled Congress passed that tax cut without a single Republican vote. And part of the good labor market outcome for women is a result of the Family and Medical Leave Act signed by President Clinton after President Bush stalled its passage. That act made sure a woman would not have to choose between having a job and taking care of a sick child.

Mr. Dole promises fiscal responsibility. However, look at the record we Democrats have delivered. Before leaving office in 1993, President Bush's Council of Economic Advisers left